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TAGS: EGEN, ETRD, IS, XF

SUBJECT: ARAB BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL

REF: STATE 190974

1. ACCORDING TO YUKATA NAKATANI, SONY REPRESENTATIVE BEIRUT, AP REPORT CITED REFTEL INACCURATE. NAKATANI STATES SONY HAS NO ELECTRONICS ASSEMBLY PLANT OR OTHER FACILITY IN ISRAEL. WARNING FROM BOYCOTT OFFICE STEMS FROM SONY ASSOCIATION WITH CBS IN 50/50 JOINT VENTURE IN JAPAN BEGUN IN 1968 TO MANUFACTURE AND DISTRIBUTE RECORDS IN JAPANESE DOMESTIC MARKET. CBS BOYCOTTED IN 1969.

2. SONY HAS UNDERTAKEN STUDY FEASIBILITY ESTABLISHING SOME SORT OF PLANT IN ARAB WORLD. MUST SHOW PROGRESS IN DEVELOPING PROPOSAL BY NEXT FEBRUARY WHEN BOYCOTT OFFICIALS NEXT SCHEDULED MEET. NAKATANI INSISTS SONY WOULD PROBABLY HAVE ESTABLISHED FACILITY WITHOUT THREAT BOYCOTT BUT CONCEDES THIS FACTOR ADDS URGENCY.

3. IN NAKATANI VIEW, BOYCOTT RULES HAVE NOT CHANGED. STATES IF SONY INDEED HAD PLANT IN ISRAEL, THIS WOULD MEAN AUTOMATIC BLACKLISTING. IN SUM, SONY CASE AS DESCRIBED BY NAKATANI DOES NOT EVIDENCE OF ITSELF CHANGE IN ARAB BOYCOTT POLICY, AND, IN ANY EVENT, ANY POLICY DECISION TAKEN IN RECENT BEIRUT MEETINGS COULD ONLY HAVE FORM OF RECOMMENDATION TO BE SUBMITTED TO ARAB LEAGUE FOR APPROVAL. GODLEY

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